

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 19-1753V

UNPUBLISHED

JASON MANUS,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: January 14, 2022

Special Processing Unit (SPU);
Damages Decision Based on Proffer;
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
Vaccine; Shoulder Injury Related to
Vaccine Administration (SIRVA)

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DECISION AWARDING DAMAGES¹

On November 13, 2019, Jason Manus filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that he suffered a right shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) from a human papillomavirus (“HPV”) vaccine he received on January 24, 2019. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On April 28, 2021, a ruling on entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for his right SIRVA injury. ECF No. 24. On January 14, 2022, Respondent filed a proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”) indicating Petitioner should be awarded \$62,813.72, representing \$62,500.00 in actual and projected pain and suffering and \$313.72 in past reimbursable expenses. Proffer at ¶¶(A)-(C). In the Proffer,

¹ Because this unpublished Decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, I am required to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *Id.* Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

Pursuant to the terms stated in the attached Proffer, **I award Petitioner a lump sum payment of \$62,813.72 in the form of a check payable to Petitioner.** This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a).

The clerk of the court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran
Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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PROFFER ON AWARD OF DAMAGES

On November 13, 2019, Jason Manus (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation (“Petition”) under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (“Vaccine Act” or “Act”), as amended. Petitioner alleges that he suffered a right Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration (“SIRVA”) resulting from a human papilloma virus (“HPV”) vaccination administered on January 24, 2019. Petition at Preamble. Respondent concluded that petitioner’s alleged injury satisfied the criteria of the Vaccine Injury Table, and therefore conceded petitioner’s entitlement to compensation in his Rule 4(c) Report filed on April 28, 2021. ECF No. 23. Based on Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report the Court found petitioner entitled to compensation on April 29, 2021. ECF No. 24.

I. Items of Compensation

A. Pain and Suffering

Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$62,500.00 in actual and projected pain and suffering. This amount reflects that any award for projected pain and suffering has been reduced to net present value. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a)(4). Petitioner agrees.

B. Past Unreimbursable Expenses

Evidence supplied by petitioner documents his expenditure of past unreimbursable expenses related to his vaccine-related injury. Respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded past unreimbursable expenses in the amount of \$313.72. Petitioner agrees.

II. Form of the Award

Respondent recommends that the compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of **\$62,813.72** in the form of a check made payable to petitioner.¹ This lump sum payment represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a). Petitioner agrees.

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Should petitioner die prior to the entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering.

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